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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TZ, BY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT MICOMBERO TO TANZANIA

1. PRESIDENT MICOMBERO DEPARTED THIS MORNING, ACCOMPANIES ONLY BY MINISTERS OF PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS-TRANSPORT AND BY CHIEF OF PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARIAT, FOR MEETING AT MWANZA (ON LAKE VICTORIA) WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE. REPORTEDLY, GOVERNORS OF SOME OR ALL OF THREE BURUNDI PROVINCES BORDERING TANZANIA ARE ALSO TO BE PRESENT, BUT NEITHER THEIR BOSS, THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, NOR FONMIN (WHO IS IN NORTH AFRICA), WILL BE THERE. THIS LINE-UP SUGGESTS A BUSINESS MEETING ON TECHNICAL BILATERAL MATTERS, SUCH AS BURUNDI'S TRANSPORT LINKS THROUGH TANZANIA TO OCEAN, AS WELL AS COOPERATION IN CROSS BORDER AFFAIRS. IT COULD BE THAT MICOMBERO HOPES TO CASH IN ON POSSIBLY IMPROVED TANZANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS BURUNDI IN WAKE OF THEIR COMMON POSITION BEHIND MPLA IN ANGOLA.

2. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR HERE SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT WAS APPROACHED BY BURUNDI WITHIN LAST WEEK TO JOIN MWANZA TALKS, BUT HE THINKS IT UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA WILL GO BECAUSE THERE IS NO PREPARED AGENDA FOR TALKS AND BECAUSE RWANDA DOES NOT RPT NOT

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THAN ONE WITH ZAIRE. HIS IMPLICATION OF DESIRE TO AVOID OFFENDING ZAIRE MAY OF COURSE BE REVERSE OF BURUNDI WISH TO SHOW THAT MOBUTU'S PRESSURES ON MICOMBERO JANUARY 28 AT KISANZANI HAVE NOT RPT NOT COWED HIM.

3. LACK OF AGENDA IS HARDLY SURPRISING, SINCE THERE IS NO SIGN THAT BILATERAL TANZANIAN-BURUNDIAN COMMISSIONS ON TRANSPORT AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, SET UP IN 1973 AND RECONFIRMED BY FONMINS IN 1975, HAVE IN FACT DONE ANY OF PLANNED WORK. THUS, DESPITE PRESENCE OF TWO BURUNDIAN TECHNICAL MINISTERS, SOME POLITICAL ASPECTS MAY BE INVOLVED. OFTEN WELL INFORMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS HAD A REPORT EITHER THAT AMIN MAY SHOW UP AT MEETING OR THAT POSSIBILITY OF TANZANIAN-UGANDAN RAPPROCHEMENT MAY BE DISCUSSED. GIVEN DEPTH OF NYERERE FEELINGS AGAINST AMIN, THIS WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY DEVELOPMENT, AND BURUNDI WOULD HARDLY SEEM THE BEST AVAILABLE CONCILIATOR. HOWEVER, MICOMBERO WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ABOVE WANTING TO TRY.  
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